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## **SBA's San Francisco District Office Seeks Nominations for 2007 Small Business Week Awards**

**SAN FRANCISCO** — The San Francisco District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is soliciting nominations for its annual 2007 Small Business Week awards program. Nominations are due to the district office by December 15.

Outstanding small business owners are honored annually in the following categories:

- Small Business Person of the Year
- Small Business Exporter of the Year
- SBA Young Entrepreneur of the Year (under age 30 before June 2007)
- Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Business of the Year

The Small Business Person of the Year award is evaluated on staying power, growth in employment, increase in sales/unit volume, innovation, response to adversity, and community involvement.

Small Business Champion awards are presented to persons who've used their professional skills or personal talents to further public understanding and awareness of small business in the following categories:

- Minority Small Business Champion of the Year
- Women in Business Champion of the Year
- Veteran Small Business Champion of the Year
- Home-Based Business Champion of the Year
- Financial Services Champion of the Year
- Small Business Journalist of the Year

Nominations in all Small Business Week award categories can be made by any individual or organization, such as business chambers and organizations, trade associations, banks, economic development agencies or small business employees. SBA's San Francisco office includes the counties of San Francisco, San Mateo, Marin, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Alameda, Contra Costa, Solano, Napa, Sonoma, Lake, Mendocino, Humboldt and Del Norte.

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